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EFFICIENCY AND VASE LIFE USING STRESS-RESISTANCE GENE**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated August 4, 2009, concerning the above-referenced patent application. As the shortened statutory reply period expires on November 4, 2009, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

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